made for this programme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. The Government has also introduced many flagship programmes and other schemes in the recent past for accelerating growth and development of different sectors such as National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Bharat Nirman launched as a time bound business plan for rural infrastructure, etc. These schemes would help in mitigating regional inequalities.

(d) Financial assistance in the wake of natural calamities is provided to the States from the Scheme of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), which is supplemented by the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the wake of calamities of severe nature for immediate relief operations.

State of Bihar has been allocated an amount of Rs. 162.48 crore in the CRF for the year 2008-09 comprising Rs. 121.86 crore as Central Share and Rs. 40.62 crore as State share. Entire Central share of CRF had been released to the State.

Further, as per laid down procedure for additional assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), the High Level Committee (HLC), approved (i) Rs. 497.35 crore for management of Kosi flood from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) subject to the adjustment of 75% balance available in the CRF account of the State for the instant calamity, (ii) The actual cost of deployment of IAF charges for airdropping of essential supplies.

In addition, an amount of Rs. 117.21 crore has been recommended by HLC as additional requirement over and above the extant norms for providing assistance to the families in dire need of immediate sustenance as well as operation of relief camps for the period over and above specified in the CRF norms. Action has been initiated to provide the recommended amount of Rs. 117.21 crore to the State Government.

In addition to above, additional assistance of the order of Rs. 2273.15 crore approximately, has been approved by other Central Ministries for rehabilitation and reconstruction measures in the context of Kosi flood of 2008.

Growth targets and expectations

2958. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of growth targets/expectations, sector-wise over the next five years set by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): The growth target of different sectors for the next five years are not available. However, the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) aims at achieving an average growth rate of 9 percent per annum (expressed in terms of gross domestic product at factor cost). The target growth rate is 4 percent per year in agriculture sector, 10 to 11 per cent per year in the industrial sector and 9 to 11 per cent per annum in the services sector for the five year period of the Eleventh Plan.